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SUBJECT: CSCE: STAGE III HELSINKI PREPARATIONS

1. GOF EVENING JULY 14 HELD FIRST OFFICIAL STAGE III PRESS CONFERENCE. IN ADDITION TO FINNISH CSCE DELEGATION CHIEF ILONIEMI, WHO HAD FLOWN UP FROM GENEVA SPECIALLY FOR THIS PRESS CONFERENCE ONLY, FONMIN MATTILA AND CSCE SEC GEN PEKURI WERE MAIN PARTICIPANTS. MATTILA STATED THAT HE ABSOLUTELY CONVINCED THAT REMAINING QUESTIONS OF SUCH RELATIVELY MINOR NATURE THAT THEY WILL NOT CAUSE ANY GREAT PROBLEMS AND THAT STAGE III AT SUMMIT LEVEL WILL DEFINITELY START IN HELSINKI ON JULY 30.

2. PEKURI SAID THAT FINNS HAD BEEN WORKING 24 HOURS A DAY SINCE JULY 10 AND THAT EVERYTHING WOULD BE READY IN TIME. FINLANDIA HALL HAS BEEN TAKEN OVER BY GOF AND THE TABLES FOR THE DELEGATIONS WITH NAME PLATES HAVE ALREADY BEEN INSTALLED. PRESS STORIES NOTE THAT FRONT ROW WILL BE MADE UP OF AUSTRIA, US, AND THE TWO GERMANIES, (ACCORDING TO FRENCH ALPHABETICAL ORDER) WITH THE USSR ENDING UP IN THE BACK ROW.

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THERE ARE TABLES AND SEATS FOR 900 DELEGATES. THERE

IS ROOM FOR 400 PRESS AND PHOTOGRAPHS IN GALLERY. PRESS ALSO REPORTS THAT IN ADDITION TO EXTREMELY TIGHT FINNISH SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS, ABOUT 500 FOREIGN SECURITY MEN ARE EXPECTED.

3. PRESS ACCREDITATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT FINNISH EMBASSIES AND CONSULATES. ACCREDITATION FORMS ARE BASIC FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS. ALL MEDIA REPS WILL BE PHOTOGRAPHED AT MARSKI HOTEL PRESS CENTER IN HELSINKI AND WILL RECEIVE FINAL ACCREDITATION THERE. FINNISH BROADCASTING CORPORATION IS ANXIOUS TO KNOW WHAT FACILITIES AMERICAN RADIO/TV WILL NEED.

4. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, USSR DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY BREZHNEV, KOSYGIN AND GROMYKO. THE SOVIETS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO BRING A SHIP SUFFICIENT FOR LODGING AT LEAST 300 TECHNICAL-LEVEL PERSONNEL. POLES MAY ALSO BRING SHIP. SOVIETS ALREADY HAVE 40 MEN ADVANCE TEAM IN HELSINKI, WITH 80 MEN EXPECTED BEFORE WEEKEND. CANADIANS ALSO HAVE ADVANCE TEAM IN TOWN.

5. FINNS HAVE RESERVED 2,500 HOTEL ROOMS, AND EXPECT MORE WILL BECOME AVAILABLE. NEVERTHELESS, HOTEL SITUATION WILL BE BOTH EXTREMELY TIGHT AND, GIVEN FACT THAT FINNS WILL HAVE TO TRY TO PLEASE 34 COUNTRIES, THE LONGER ANYONE WAITS IN MAKING HIS REQUIREMENTS KNOWN, THE MORE LIKELY IT IS THAT HE WILL GET THE LEFT-OVERS.
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